

CHAPTER 34

HB 1397 – FINAL VERSION

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HOUSE BILL *1397*

AN ACT relative to youth suicide prevention.

SPONSORS: Rep. Dalrymple, Rock 76; Rep. Price, Hills 64; Rep. Sweeney, Hills 62

COMMITTEE: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill expands the duties of the health education review committee to include specific consideration of youth suicide prevention initiatives. The bill also provides for the appointment of a school guidance counselor to the committee.

This bill is a request of the youth suicide prevention committee, 2003, 142 (HB 240).

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Four

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

34:1 Health Education Review Committee; Duties; Plan for Youth Suicide Prevention. Amend RSA 186:67-a, I to read as follows:

I. A committee is established to review state education policy relative to health education in public school grades K-12, and make recommendations to ensure awareness of the nationwide initiatives and current research. The board of education shall encourage the implementation of health education policy as described in RSA 186:11, IX and IX-a and give consideration to the committee's recommendations. ***The committee shall also review the efforts of the New Hampshire Youth Suicide Prevention Advisory Assembly in developing a statewide comprehensive plan for youth suicide prevention.***

34:2 Health Education Review Committee; Membership; Legislative Liaisons. Amend RSA 186:67-a, II(a) and (b) to read as follows:

(a) One member of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house ***who shall act as legislative liaison to the New Hampshire Youth Suicide Prevention Advisory Assembly.***

(b) One member of the senate, appointed by the senate president ***who shall act as legislative liaison to the New Hampshire Youth Suicide Prevention Advisory Assembly.***

34:3 New Subparagraph; Health Education Review Committee; Membership; School Guidance Counselor Added. Amend RSA 186:67-a, II by inserting after subparagraph (o) the following new subparagraph:

(p) One member who is a school guidance counselor, appointed by the New Hampshire School Counselor Association.

34:4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

(Approved: April 23, 2004)

(Effective Date: June 22, 2004)